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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

<u>REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111</u>

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002, please extend by two months the due date for responding to this matter, making the new extended due date for reply July 27, 2002. A petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fee deficiency, or credit any fee overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-090.